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SUBJECT: AMCIT CHARLES M. DEAN

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1. HOWARD B. DEAN, FATHER OF CHARLES M. DEAN, AND EMBOFF MET WITH PATHET LAO SIDE REPRESENTATIVE ON JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENTS (JCCIA) COL. PHONGSAY ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18. MR. DEAN RELATED CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS SON'S TRAVELS IN LAOS AND SUBSTANCE OF CONVERSATION WITH MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PHOUMI VONGVICHIT. PHONGSAY STATED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF SITUATION AND THAT PACKAGE OF CLOTHING, MEDICINE, AND LETTER WOULD BE DELIVERED TO SON. WHEN QUERIED ABOUT EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE, PHONGSAY SAID THAT COULD BE ARRANGED. HE ADDED THAT CHARLES DEAN'S SITUATION WAS UNLIKE THAT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMMET KAY, SINCE DEAN IS A TOURIST AND THAT DELAY IN HIS

RELEASE IS DUE TO COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN KHAM KEUT AND SAM NEUA. WHILE NOT SPECIFICALLY ADMITTING THAT DEAN AND SHARMAN ARE BEING HELD BY PATHET LAO, PHONGSAY'S COMMENTS CONCERNING COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS AND WILLINGNESS TO DELIVER PACKAGE APPEAR PROMISING.

2. AT PRESS CONFERENCE, ALSO ON DECEMBER 18, HOWARD DEAN TOLD REPORTERS OF SON'S AROUND-THE-WORLD TRAVELS DURING PAST 18 MONTHS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS SON'S VISIT TO LAOS. HE REPEATED SUBSTANCE OF CONVERSATIONS HE HAD WITH GOVERNMENT AND PATHET LAO OFFICIALS ALL OF WHOM EXPRESSED SYMPATHY AND INTENTION TO ASSIST. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDED AP, UPI, AFP, REUTERS AND LOCAL NEWSMEN. QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES WERE LOW-KEY AND NO SENSITIVE ISSUES AROSE.

3. HOWARD DEAN LEFT VIENTIANE ON DECEMBER 18 FOR BANGKOK WHERE HE WILL MAKE SPECIFIC ONWARD TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. HE TENTATIVELY PLANS TO TRAVEL BY TWA THROUGH EUROPE ARRIVING AT NEW YORK CITY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19.

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